Turbonilla tenuicula Gld., 20 Cerithiopsis pedroana Bartsch, 1 Cerithiopsis cosmia Bartsch, 4 Odostomia tenuis Cpr., 54 Odostomia io D. & B. (?), 10 Turris ophiderma Dall, 5 Melampus olivaceus Cpr., 10 Amphissa versicolor Dall, 2 Columbella carinata Hds., 238 Columbella gausapata Gld., 200 Columbella tuberosa Cpr., 2 Columbella oldroydi Arnold, 18 Columbella oldroydi var., 10 Phasianella compta Gld., 215 Eulithidium substriatum Cpr., 1 Lacuna unifasciata Cpr., 412 Nassa cerritensis Arnold, 8 Nassa mendica Gld., 3 Nassa perpinguis Gld., 148 Nassa fossata Gld., 21 Nassa tegula Reeve, 3 Conus californicus Hds., 22 Polinices recluziana Petit, 52 Thracia curta Conr., 1 Saxicava arctica Linn, 1 Astarte branneri Arnold, 10 Nucula suprastriata Cpr., 413

Corbula luteola Cpr., 77 Calliostoma canaliculatum Mart., 1 Calliostoma tricolor Gabb, 1 Cerithidea californica Hald., 5 Myurella simplex Cpr., 10 Leda taphria Dall, 6 Petricola denticulata Sby., 20 Donax laevigata Desh., 8 Donax californica Conr., 1 Pecten aquisulcatus Cpr., 1 Pecten latiauritus Conr., 3 Pecten monotimeris Conr., 10 Phacoides nuttallii Conr., 6 Tellina meropsis Dall, 1 Maetra falcata Gld., 2 Cardium procerum Sby., 1 Anomia lampe Gray, 5 Ostrea lurida Cpr., 1 Metis alta Conr., 1 Cryptomya californica Conr., 1 Platyodon cancellatus Conr., 1 Chione succincta Val., 1 Chione undatella Sby., 1 Paphia laciniata Cpr., 1 Paphia staminea Conr., 1 Semele decisa Conr., 1 Saxidomus giganteus Desh., 1 Amiantis callosa Conr., 1

THE BOSTON MALACOLOGICAL CLUB.

The Boston Malacological Club has completed successfully its fourth year. It is a hopeful sign that although the first flush of enthusiasm and novelty has passed by, the club still flourishes. The character of the organization is extremely informal.

While the membership includes a number of distinguished professional scientific men, it also includes members who make no pretensions to scientific training, but from one point of view or another, find common ground in their interest in, and love of, shells. In recognition of this varied membership it has been sought to make the meetings of varied character. Some evenings have been devoted chiefly to technical papers; others to a comparative study, exhibition and exchange of shells. The meetings are held monthly from October to April.

Among the important papers given during the year were:—one by Dr. Hervy W. Shimer on the very interesting semi-fossil mollusks from the subway excavation in the Back Bay, Boston, based on the same material from which the Secretary has described a new Vitrinella; one by Professor R. T. Jackson on stages of growth in the Mollusca, particularly Nautilus and Hinnites, illustrating the recapitulation theory; one by Dr. P. E. Raymond discussing the probable cause of the peculiar double-looped beak sculpture of the Naiades, which we found to be in the tooth or spur of the glochidial embryo; one by Professor E. S. Morse on the differences between shells from shell mounds and their living local descendants, which differences he found to be very appreciable, and singularly constant in trend not only in New England, but in Japan and (so far as investigated) in Europe.

In June the club held its first field meeting, making an excursion to the varied shores of Cohasset which, if not productive of any novelties, was, at least, well attended, much enjoyed, and the occasion of some interesting observations.—William F. Clapp, Secretary.

NOTES.

Mrs. T. S. Oldroyd, of this city, will leave for Oakland tomorrow on the Beaver, having been summoned north to arrange, classify, and pack away, preparatory to their display, more than 1000 shell specimens that are valued at \$6,000. This collection was recently bequeathed to the California Academy of Science, San Francisco, by the late Henry Hemphill, who, while alive, was considered the dean of shell collectors.—Los Angeles Tribune, Sept. 30.